



# PDC NEWS

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### Reporting Modifications:

The Commission granted a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) reporting modification to **Jeff Hall**, commissioner, Benton Public Utility District #1, who requested an exemption, in accordance with PDC Interpretation 02-05 for Motor Vehicle Dealers, from reporting the business and governmental customers of Hall Chevrolet-Buick, which he owns.

The Commission renewed reporting modifications, with no changes, for:

- **Gordon Budke**, Trustee, Eastern Washington University
- **Craig Cole**, Regent, University of Washington
- **Monte Dahlstrom**, Commissioner, Grays Harbor Water District #2
- **Darlene Hartley**, Director, Stanwood/Camano Island School District
- **Rebecca Stillings**, Director, Rainier School District

### Rulemaking

- I. The Commission held public hearings and adopted language amending the following rules to implement the electioneering communications act (Ch 445, Laws of 2005):

**WAC 390-05-210 Definition - Contribution** was amended to incorporate electioneering communications as contributions under certain conditions and to change the criteria under which expenditures are contributions when made in consultation with candidates, political committees, party committees, and caucus political committees.

**WAC 390-16-060 Forms – Forms for report of independent expenditures and electioneering communications** was amended to provide space on PDC Form C-6 for reporting of independent expenditures and electioneering communications.

**WAC 390-16-207 In-kind contributions – Explanation and reporting** was amended to incorporate electioneering communications as in-kind contributions under certain conditions.

**WAC 390-17-030 Sample ballots and slate cards** was amended to distinguish sample ballots and slate cards from electioneering communications if specific criteria are met.

**WAC 390-17-060 Exempt activities – Definitions, reporting** was amended to remove “issue ads” from the permissible expenditures that can be made from a political party’s exempt account.

**WAC 390-18-010 Advertising, political advertising, electioneering communications, and independent expenditures** was amended to incorporate references to electioneering communications and to clarify that telephone advertising undertaken as an independent expenditure is subject to the “Notice to Voters” and “Top Five Contributors” statutory provisions.

**WAC 390-18-020 Advertising – Political party identification** was amended to implement statutory changes made by ESSB 5034 regarding party identification in advertising referencing a candidate for partisan office.

**WAC 390-18-025 Advertising – Identification of “top five contributors”** was amended to specify when sponsors of independent expenditure advertising and electioneering communications must identify their top five contributors.

**WAC 290-18-030 Advertising – Exemptions from identification** was amended to remove political tickers from types of advertising exempt from sponsor identification requirements.

**WAC 390-18-040 Use of the terms “reelect,” “retain,” and “return”** was amended to incorporate minor revisions consistent with amendments made to other rules.

**WAC 390-18-050 Commercial advertisers – Public inspection of records** was amended to incorporate references to electioneering communications.

- II. The Commission held public hearings and adopted language for the following rules to implement the electioneering communications act (Ch 445, Laws of 2005):

**WAC 390-05-500 Debate or forum.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-05-505 Electioneering communication exclusions.** Specifies what types of advertising fall outside the definition of electioneering communications.

**WAC 390-05-510 General treasury funds.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-05-515 Member.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-05-520 Periodical.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-05-525 Public service announcement.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-05-530 Funding sources for electioneering communications.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-16-063 Additional information regarding C-6 report filing.** Provides guidance regarding electioneering communication filing requirements to persons who also have reporting obligations under other sections of the disclosure law.

**WAC 390-16-307 Contributions by controlled entities.** Clarifies when various subsidiary units of a corporation, trade association, labor union, or collective bargaining organization share a single contribution limit.

**WAC 390-17-410 Electioneering communications may constitute contributions and be subject to limit.** Clarifies when an electioneering communication is a contribution and subject to contribution limits.

**WAC 390-18-027 Medium that does not include a visual image.** Definition necessary for the implementation of Chapter 445, Laws of 2005.

**WAC 390-18-060 Electioneering communication reporting threshold and sponsors.** Provides guidance to sponsors of electioneering communications about their reporting responsibility.

- III. The Commission approved draft language amending **WAC 390-39-090 Informal settlement – Cases resolvable by stipulation prior to an enforcement hearing (adjudicative proceeding), or by other alternative dispute mechanisms.**

**Procedural Action:**

The Commission tentatively scheduled its meetings through September 2006 as follows:

May 31  
June 29  
July 27 [retreat]  
August – no meeting  
September 28

The Commission meeting materials may be found at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) under **Commission Meetings** at **Meeting Agendas and Materials**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at [landerson@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:landerson@pdc.wa.gov).

The next special meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission is tentatively scheduled for May 31, 2006.
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